

Yukon Placer Mining Act

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that much of the private members' hour has elapsed, I wonder whether the House would agree to calling it six o'clock so that we might have a full debate next time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Speaker: Order. Before calling it six o'clock it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland)—Grain—Wheat—Suggested withdrawal or alteration of acreage reduction program; the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie)—Post Office—Postage rate increases forecast by minister—government policy; the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Transport—Fate of regional office in Halifax.

It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 8 p.m.

At 5.28 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

YUKON PLACER MINING ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING LOCATING OF CLAIMS, ETC.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill S-4, to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Chrétien moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

NORTHERN INLAND WATERS BILL

CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill C-187, respecting inland water resources in the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Chrétien moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I think it might be worth while to take a few moments at this stage of the proceedings to emphasize one point that I think is of importance. I may say that the amendments made in committee were generally agreeable to all members of the committee, and I do not propose to discuss them except to emphasize that the understanding was that the purpose of these amendments was to give the people of the Yukon and Northwest Territories a greater voice in the operations of the boards which will be set up under the act.

However, having recognized that, I think it is important that those of us in this chamber should be aware that what we are enacting here is essentially legislation that would normally be enacted by a legislature within a province. However, because of the existing constitutional situation we in this chamber are, I feel, acting in this particular instance on behalf of the residents of the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories. In addition, we should not be unaware of the fact that this bill ties in, up to a point, with the Canada water bill that is currently before the House.

I am not at this point raising the question of procedure that was debated at one point in the proceedings in the House in regard to the sequence with which third reading should be given these bills. As I understand it, this bill